US EPA REGION 4 RELOCATION UPDATE



ESCAMBIA RELOCATION PILOT UPDATE

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This Update describes the current status of the National Relocation Pilot.

The relocation of families from the areas surrounding the Escambia Treating Company Superfund site is nearly complete. The Escambia site is located at 3910 North Plaofox street, in Pensacola, Florida. The relocation was initiated in 1997 and presently, the government has acquired 154 of the 169 properties to ultimately be acquired. Over 130 families from the Rosewood Terrace and Oak Park and Goulding subdivisions have been relocated to homes in the Pensacola and surrounding areas. Of the original 200 there are 7 families remaining in the Escambia Arms Apartment Complex. The Relocation Field Office (manned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) is now located at a trailer on the Escambia Arms property.

<u>UPCOMING ACTIVITIES (FENCING)</u>

The government has been negotiating with a Small Business Administration contractor, ILG, Inc., for a contract to erect security fencing for the properties which EPA has acquired. The fencing will be constructed in the following areas starting with the highest priority:

• AREA 1 - fencing from the Superfund Site to the south side of Hickory Street and behind Jacotte Avenue. Construction of the fence is currently scheduled to begin on September 25, 2001 and to be completed by November 8, 2001. Four houses in Rosewood Terrace and one in Oak Park are to be demolished in order to provide access from the former facility into the

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- AREA 2 fencing on the north side of Hickory Street and along Spruce Street to the business entrance access road, (Oak Park subdivision including Escambia Arms apartment complex). Construction of the fence is currently scheduled to begin on November 6, 2001 and to be completed by December 4, 2001.
- AREA 3 fencing around acquired properties on Beggs Lane, (Beggs Lane subdivision including Escambia Arms apartment complex). Construction of the fence is currently scheduled to begin December 3, 2001 and to be completed by January 16, 2002.
- <u>AREA 4</u> fencing in the Goulding Subdivision will be determined during the construction of areas 1 through 3.

FUTURE ACTIONS (DEMOLITION)

Approximately 170 brick and frame houses and the 200-unit masonry construction apartment complex are scheduled to be demolished. Demolition is scheduled to begin February 19, 2002 and completed by August 29, 2002.

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